

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain in the application with claims 23-44 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

In response to the requirement for an election of species applicants hereby elect species group A1 relating to a merchandising order receiving system and method including a merchandising assembly apparatus and corresponding step, as set forth in claims 1-22.

Claims 23-44 directed to the nonelected species have been canceled hereby, without prejudice or disclaimer to filing a divisional application directed thereto.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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